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" (c) Ninety-one applications were rejected for the reason that all the lands applied for were objectionable poramboke lands."

SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" பொன்னேரி தாலூகா, பஞ்செட்டி கிராமத்திலுள்ள ஹரிஜன மக்கள் சுமார் 40 குடும்பங்கள் பயிரிட்டிருந்த நிலங்களில் சமீபத்தில் நெற்கதிர் முற்றி வருவதற்கு முன் அந்த பிர்க்கா ரெவினியூ இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் அவருடைய ஆட்களைக்கொண்டு அறுத்துவிட்டது வாஸ்தவமா ? அதற்காக என்ன நடவடிக்கை அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This is a different question, but still I shall answer is. I am taking very speedy action in the matter."

Community projects in Pudukkottai division.

* 409 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of community works or projects started in Pudukkottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district for the years 1952–53 and 1953–54;

(b) the places where they were started and the nature of such works; and

(c) their cost and the contribution to it from the communities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No project has so far been set up in Pudukkottai.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Does not arise."

Construction of a road from Eruvasi to Coorg.

* 410 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the possibility of a road connection from Eruvasi in Irikkoor firka to Coorg has been considered by the Government; and

(b) if so, the final decision regarding the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (a) No Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Community Projects Scheme for the Chingleput district.

* 411 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some villages in Chingleput district have been chosen for improvement under the Community Projects Scheme:

(b) if so, the names of those villages; and

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(*c*) the improvements that have so far been effected in those villages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture assure this House that the suggestions made by the villagers for the improvement of the scheme will be taken into consideration by the Government and is he aware of the fact that some of the officers employed under this scheme are going about canvassing in the villages, that only if they vote for the Congress Party in future, such kind of schemes will fructify in their areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No assurance is necessary from me. I welcome suggestions for implementing the Community Project Schemes from these people. I want the hon. Member to take more active interest in canvassing suggestions like that. I can tell the hon. Member that I am not aware of any instance of officers doing any political work and if there is any specific instance and if he writes to me specifically about it, I shall look into the matter."

Consumption of sugar in the State.

* 412 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the annual consumption of sugar in our State during the ration period;

(*b*) what is the approximate consumption of sugar annually at present;

(*c*) what was the stock of sugar held in the Nellikuppam Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, South Arcot, last year;

(*d*) what was the production of the E.I.D. & S.F. Limited, this year; and

(*e*) the total deliveries from the company this year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Nearly 55,000 tons for Madras State as constituted at present.

" (*b*) Somewhat higher, up to probably 60,000 tons.

" (*c*) The stock of sugar held by the Nellikuppam factory on 1st November 1952 was 3,910 tons.

" (*d*) Total production in 1952–53 was 27,552 tons.

" (*e*) Total deliveries made from the factory from 1st November 1952 to 31st October 1953 come to 30,979 tons."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" நெல்லிக்குப்பம் சர்க்கரை ஆலையில் உற்பத்தியாகும் சர்க்கரையில் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மூட்டைகள் ஜப்பானுக்கும் மற்ற வெளிநாடுகளுக்கும் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்பட்டு, வெளிநாடுகளிலிருந்து சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கு அதிகமான விலை கொடுத்து இறக்குமதி செய்தது உண்டா ?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 618-619 infra.